

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

(ER-FRL-6243-4)

Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared May 10, 1999 through May 14, 1999 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 9, 1999 (64 FR 17362).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-FHW-E50292-FL Rating EC1, St. Augustine Bridge of Lions (SR AIA Rehabilitating or Replacing the Existing Two Lane Bridge, Crossing of the Matanzas River/Intracoastal Waterway, US Coast Guard Permit, NPDES and COE Nationwide Permits, St. Augustine, St. John County, FL.

Summary: EPA's review found that impacts were adequately described. Concern was raised over water quality degradation during the construction phase of the project.

ERP No. D-FHW-F40382-MN Rating EC2, Ayd Mill Road Corridor, Improvements from I-35 E to St. Anthony Avenue (I-94) 2.6 kilometer (1.6 miles), Funding, Ramsey County, City of Saint Paul, MN.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns regarding (1) purpose and need statement, (2) contaminated sites remediation, and (3) treatment of storm water runoff. EPA requested that additional information be provided in the final document to address these concerns.

ERP No. D-FHW-K40235-CA Rating EC2, California Forest Highway 137, Improvements to Wentworth Springs Road and the Stumpy Meadows Reservoir Dam eastward (14.4 miles) to Ice House Road, Eldorado National Forest, El Dorado County, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed environmental concerns because the document did not reflect the consideration of pollution prevention measures. EPA recommended that the FEIS include such pollution prevention measures for the project's design, construction and maintenance, and that these measures be included in the record of decision.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-DOE-A09829-00 Spallation Neutron Source (SNS) Facility Construction and Operation, Implementation and Site Selection, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN; Argonne National Laboratory, Argonne, IL; Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, NY; and Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, NM.

Summary: EPA's previous concerns have been resolved therefore EPA does not object to proceeding with detailed design work and site evaluation for this project. Should these studies produce significant new information or adverse environmental impacts, EPA will review DOE's supplemental EIS.

ERP No. F-FHW-K40227-CA I-880 Interchange at Dixon Landing Road Reconstruction Improvements, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Fremont, Milpitas, Alameda and Santa Clara Counties, CA.

Summary: EPA expressed continuing concerns with potential impacts to nearly 17 acres of wetlands and salt marsh harvest mouse habitat. EPA asked that FHWA's Record of Decision discuss whether opportunities may still exist to avoid and reduce adverse impacts to wetlands as project development proceeds, in keeping with Clean Water Act Section 404 requirements.

EPA recommended that several issues regarding mitigation for wetland impacts be included in the Record of Decision, including a 2:1 mitigation ratio for wetlands loss rather than the 1:1 ratio proposed in the EIS.

ERP No. F-FHW-L40197-OR Mount Hood Corridor Study, US 26 Rhododendron to OR-35 Junction, Improvements, Funding, Clackamas County, OR.

Summary: Review of the Final EIS was not deemed necessary. No formal comment letter was sent to the preparing agency.

ERP No. F-USA-F11034-IN Camp Atterbury Training Areas and Facilities Upgrading, Implementation, Bartholomew, Brown, Johnson, Marion and Shelby Counties, IN.

Summary: EPA has no objection to the proposed action but did encourage ongoing management of resources in the Integrated Natural Resource Management Plan (INRMP) and other resource management plans for Camp Atterbury.

Other

ERP No. LF-UAF-K11095-AZ Barry M. Goldwater Ranger (BMGR), Renewal of the Military Land Withdrawal, Yuma, Pima and Maricopa Counties, AZ.

Summary: EPA continues to object to the length of the withdrawal time

period. EPA recommended a new 10 year alternative be provided.

ERP No. LF-UAF-K11096-NV Nellis Air Force Range (NAFR), Renewal of the Land Withdrawal to Provide a Safe and Secure Location to Test Equipment and Train Military Personnel, Clark, Lincoln and Nye Counties, NV.

Summary: EPA continues to object to the excessively long proposed periods between public reviews of the land withdrawal (i.e. indefinitely or 25 years) of the roughly 3 million acre area. EPA recommended a new 10 year alternative be provided.

Dated: June 1, 1999.

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Transport One Acid Spill Superfund Site, Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle County, KY, Notice of Proposed Settlement

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement.

SUMMARY: Under section 122(h)(1) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has proposed to settle claims for response costs at the Transport One Acid Spill Superfund Site (the "Site") located in Mt. Vernon, Rockcastle County, Kentucky with Chemtech Products, Inc. EPA will consider public comments on the proposed settlement for thirty days. EPA may withdraw from or modify the proposed settlement should such comments disclose facts or considerations which indicate the proposed settlement is inappropriate, improper, or inadequate. Copies of the proposed settlement are available from: Ms. Paula V. Batchelor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Program Services Branch, Waste Management Division, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, (404) 562-8887.

Written comments may be submitted to Ms. Batchelor at the above address within 30 days of the date of publication.